

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Inuit Circumpolar Council****Project Title:**

Inuit Circumpolar Council - Youth and Elder Program

State Funding Requested: \$ 162,000
One-Time Need**House District: 40 - T****Brief Project Description:**

The Inuit Circumpolar Youth Council of Alaska seeks to hold youth/elder forums around the state. The project anticipates holding three meetings around the state involving both youth and elders from the four Inuit regions.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$162,000**Funding Secured

Amount FY

Other Pending Requests

Amount FY

Anticipated Future Need

Amount FY

There is no other funding needed

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

The Inuit Circumpolar Council-Alaska (ICC-AK) is seeking a grant to support ongoing collaborations between elders and youth from the four ICC-AK regions to address regional and international issues. The four ICC-AK regions consist of the North Slope, Northwest, Bering Straits, and the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Central Yup'ik and Cup'iq. A primary goal of the forums is to pass on traditional knowledge on subsistence activities, survival skills, cultural awareness values and practices, and preservation of language. A second goal is to address issues of concern including high suicide rates among Inuit youth, substance abuse, education, training, and employment. Third, the forums will address international issues impacting the Arctic and northern inhabitants from development to National Arctic Policy. These forums help connect youth to their cultural roots and connects them with other Inuit youth facing similar problems and issues from around the state. The hope is that these summits will help our youth seek out healthy life choices and help reduce the suicide rates in the area. The forums will consist of three meetings being held in Unalakleet (July, 2008), Bethel (winter), and Kotzebue (spring).

Project Timeline:

Most of the grant money would be expended by the last meeting in the spring of 2008.

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Inuit Circumpolar Council

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

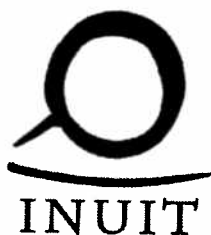
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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No



February 12, 2008

Representative Reggie Joule
State Capitol Building, Room 421
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Representative Joule,

Inuit Circumpolar Council- Alaska (ICC) is seeking your assistance to obtain funds to help cover the cost of ICC's Youth and Elder Program for the coming year. Enclosed are two copies of our proposal, budget and a description of the "Unalakleet North River Inuit Culture Camp".

The ICC is currently being funded through two grants; North Slope Borough Grant for \$350,000, and Northwest Arctic Borough Grant for \$150,000. These two grants are adequate to cover the operational costs of the ICC office, and to help fund activities of the ICC International Chairperson, Patricia Cochran from Nome, Alaska.

ICC has been the recipient of two grants from the State of Alaska in recent years, both of these grants were related to the 2006 ICC Conference which was held in Barrow, Alaska. These two grants are substantially complete and about to be closed out. We are in the process of approaching private foundations for specific projects that we would like to undertake.

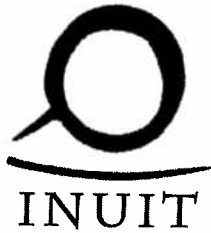
You will see from the attached documents that our proposal will have a direct benefit for your constituents. The four ICC regions are: Southwest, Bering Straits, Northwest, and North Slope. This is a true trans-regional proposal.

I thank you for your kind consideration on this matter and will be happy to answer any questions that you or your staff may have.

Respectfully,

James Stotts, Executive Director

Attachments:



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Activities: Attendees will participate in fishing, cutting and storing of salmon, harvesting berries and greens, learning traditional medicinal uses of native plants, and learning survival skills applicable in various weather conditions in the Arctic.

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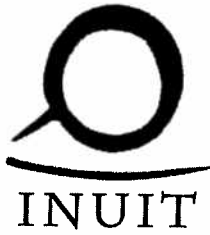
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4 ICC Alaska/ICYC Alaska Board Members			
10 Young Adults/Youth Teens			
4 Elders			
1 Chaperone			
	1 RT 19 Seat Aircraft Charter		
	Estimate \$18,900 + village to hub		
Total North Slope	travel		22,700.00
Northwest Alaska*			
4 ICC Alaska/ICYC Alaska Board Members			
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4 Elders			
1 Chaperone			
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Total Northwest	travel		13,040.00
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1 Chaperone			
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Total Bering Strait	travel		8,840.00
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Total Southwest	travel		15,560.00
ICC Staff			
ICC Chair, ICYC Chair, ICC Executive Director, ICC			
Administrative Officer: Airfare Anchorage -			
Unalakleet Round Trip	4 RT x \$500		2,000.00
		TOTAL TRAVEL	62,140.00
Other Expenses			
Lodging			
North River Bible Camp Usage	\$4,000		
Meals			
Food staples	\$5,500	TOTAL LODGING/MEALS	9,500.00
Honorarium			
Board members-ICC-Alaska/ICYC and Chaperones	20 x 3 days @ \$150/day		
Elders	16 Elders x 3 days @ \$150/day	TOTAL HONORARIUM	16,200.00
Ground and River Transportation: Fuel	\$5,000	TOTAL FUEL	5,000.00
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Youth/Elders Meeting in Bethel			
Travel			
Elders Northwest Region	4 Elders RT x \$900		3,600.00
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